

Remarks

The Examiner is thanked for indicating several claims were allowable or contained allowable subject matter.

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of this amendment, Claims 1-7 are pending in the application, with 1 being the independent claim. No new matter has been entered by any amendments.

Based on the above amendment and following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Objection to the Specification

The Examiner objected to the specification because paragraph [0001] had blanks. Based on the amendment above, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw this objection.

Objection to the Claims

Claim 7 was objected to because the first occurrence of “reticles” should have been singular, i.e., “reticle.” Based on the amendment above that corrected for a typographical error, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw this objection.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

The Examiner rejected claims 5 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Based on the amendment above, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

Rejections under the Judicially Created Obviousness Type Double Patenting

Claims 1-3 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting ("double patenting") as being unpatentable over claims 4 and 5 of by U.S. Patent No. 6,678,372 to McCullough et al. ("McCullough").

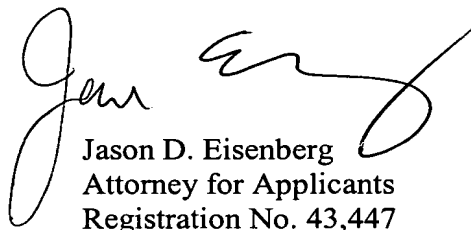
Applicants have submitted a Terminal Disclaimer herewith in order to avoid the rejection and expedite prosecution. Accordingly, based on the submission of the Terminal Disclaimer, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw these rejections.

Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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